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**Delegation to Tehran regarding Purchase of Crude Oil**

3579. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to send a delegation to Tehran for consultations in regard to purchase of crude oil in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNANA KUMAR): (a) and (b). At present, the Government has not taken a decision to send a delegation to Tehran for purchase of crude oil.

[*English*]

**Visit of Independent Review Team on Sardar Sarovar Project**

3580. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the broad findings of the Independent Review Team which visited India during October/November, 1991 in order to review the rehabilitation and environmental issues relating to Sardar Sarover Project; and

(b) whether the visit of the said Team has any nexus with the World Bank assistance/loan for the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) As per statement issued by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Independent Review Team on October, 25 in Bombay, the Team has completed its overview and orientation phase establishing a general framework for the detailed assessment of the issue that will take place in the months ahead, and the Teams report will be ready for publication by March 31, 1992.

(b) The Team was commissioned by the Bank with an objective of getting independent, professional judgement on whether the implementation actually occuring is consistent with generally accepted resettlement and environmental policies as well as with the expectations embodied in the agreements reached between the Government of India and the World Bank and the decisions of the relevant agencies and tribunals. The recommendations of the Team would be useful for improvement of project implementation in the areas of rehabilitation and environment.

[*Translation*]

**Indo-Nepal Talks regarding Flood Control in North Bihar**

3581. SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently held talks with the Government of Nepal regarding control of floods in north Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Schemes for expediting setting up of flood forecasting stations in Nepal,